



# **DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **PRESS RELEASE – MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**

On 06-23-15 at 9:02 am, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle crash on USH 151 at the intersection with Hemlock Rd. in the Township of Trenton, Dodge County, Wisconsin.

Preliminary investigation shows that a 64 years old male of rural Randolph, WI, was operating a 2012 Toyota Rav-4 SUV southbound on USH 151. He had one passenger in his vehicle, a 62 year old female of rural Randolph, WI. The Toyota SUV merged onto USH 151 from the Cty Tk A on ramp and was attempting to change lanes to turn east onto Hemlock Rd. A 63 year old male of rural Ripon, WI was the lone operator of a 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle southbound on USH 151. According to witness statements, the Harley Davidson had changed lanes from the right, outside lane to the left, inside lane as the Toyota SUV entered USH 151 from Cty Tk A. The Toyota SUV then merged to the left, inside lane of USH 151 into the path of the motorcycle. The motorcycle then struck the left, front quarter panel and tire of the Toyota SUV. The motorcycle overturned in the paved median of USH 151 at the intersection with Hemlock Rd., struck a curb and entered the grassy median just south of Hemlock Rd. The motorcycle operator was totally ejected from the motorcycle and came to rest approximately ten feet beyond the final rest of the motorcycle. The Toyota SUV came to rest on the inside shoulder of the southbound lanes of USH 151.

The motorcycle operator suffered fatal injuries as a result of the crash and was not transported from the scene. The operator of the Toyota SUV and his female passenger were uninjured as a result of the crash. Assisting at the scene was: Dodge County Crash Investigation Team, Beaver Dam Fire Department and EMS and the Beaver Dam Police Department.

Unsafe lane change and failure to wear head protection appear to be factors in this crash.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Dodge County Crash Investigation Team. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.